

In the Claims:

Amend claim 1, cancel claims 10 - 15, without prejudice, and add new claims 16 - 26 as indicated.

1 (currently amended).      A measuring and storage container adapted to rest on a surface ~~and provide~~ in a stable orientation of the container, the container comprising a plurality of compartments for receiving respective portions of a substance, said compartments defining respective maximum filling elevations ~~thereof~~ in said stable orientation of the container, said compartments bearing respective indicia indicating the position of at least one fill level, wherein said at least one fill level is at a level below the respective maximum filling elevation.

2 (original).    The measuring and storage container of claim 1, wherein the container is adapted to contain a liquid.

3 (original).    The measuring and storage container of claim 2, wherein the container is formed of plastic.

4 (original).    The measuring and storage container of claim 3, wherein said compartments are integrally molded with the container.

5 (original).    The measuring and storage container of claim 1, further comprising removable partitions defining said compartments.

6 (original). The measuring and storage container of claim 1, wherein one of said at least one fill level is at an elevation that corresponds to the elevation at which ice reaching said maximum fill elevation would contract when melted.

7 (original). The measuring and storage container of claim 1, wherein said container body has a top surface and a complementary bottom surface adapted so that multiple instances of the container are stackable so that each of said multiple instances of the container is retained in said stable orientation.

8 (original). The measuring and storage container of claim 7, wherein each of said multiple instances of the container includes a respective lid adapted to snap-fit onto the container, thereby providing said top surface.

9 (original). The measuring and storage container of claim 1, further comprising a lid adapted to snap-fit onto the container, over said compartments.

10 - 15 (cancelled).

16 (new). The measuring and storage container of claim 1, wherein each of said compartments includes more than one indicia indicating the positions of respective distinct fill levels below the respective maximum filling elevations.

17 (new). The measuring and storage container of claim 16, wherein the container is formed of plastic.

18 (new). The measuring and storage container of claim 17, wherein said compartments are integrally molded with the container.

19 (new). The measuring and storage container of claim 17, further comprising removable partitions defining said compartments.

20 (new). The measuring and storage container of claim 16, further comprising removable partitions defining said compartments.

21 (new). The measuring and storage container of claim 16, wherein said container body has a top surface and a complementary bottom surface adapted so that multiple instances of the container are stackable so that each of said multiple instances of the container is retained in said stable orientation.

22 (new). The measuring and storage container of claim 21, further comprising a lid adapted to snap-fit onto the container, over said compartments, forming said top surface.

23 (new). The measuring and storage container of claim 22, wherein said compartments are integrally molded with the container.

24 (new). The measuring and storage container of claim 22, further comprising removable partitions defining said compartments.

25 (new). The measuring and storage container of claim 21, wherein said compartments are integrally molded with the container.

26 (new). The measuring and storage container of claim 21, further comprising removable partitions defining said compartments.